

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Sandspit Water Monitoring

LOCATION: Montaña de Oro State Park

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Locate and test three water monitoring wells located on the Montaña de Oro State Park sandspit. Purge wells of approximately 100 gallons of brackish water at a rate of three gallons per minute prior to sampling. All equipment will be carried to the sites on foot; vehicular access onto the sandspit will be gained using DPR-identified access routes. To avoid effects to local populations of Dithyrea and archaeologically sensitive areas, work crew will be accompanied to the site by a DPR-qualified ecologist and archaeologist who will assist in determining access paths. Document wellhead locations using GPS technology to facilitate relocation in the future. The test will document salt water intrusion into the Morro Bay/Los Osos groundwater basin.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Luis Obispo Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section:)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 6 Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of basic data collection, which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and is included in the Department of Park and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4).

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